

"Why is it that we can better bear to part in spirit than in body, and while we have the fortitude to act farewell have not the nerve to say it?"

—Old Curiosity Shop.

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THE final meeting of the season will take place on Thursday evening next. After the election of Officers and the usual business of the Annual Meeting, which as a rule occupies but a few minutes. PROF. A. S. P. WOODHOUSE will give an address on:

Dickens as a Critic of Victorian Life

REV. CANON E. A. W. GILL,
retiring President, will preside.

University Science Building, Broadway
Thursday, April 8th, at 8.15

OPEN MEETING—BRING YOUR FRIENDS

THE MARCH MEETING

They are talking about it yet! Professor Perry's fifteen (it ought to have been fifty) minute introduction was worth the money alone. Miss McNally said she was just going to talk—she did, and to the purpose. Miss Kinney's defence of Nancy should be published, as for Miss Fogel she sent us to the book again to take another view of Fagin. The whole programme was refreshing. The fourth year University students, from whom the speakers were chosen, were the guests of the Fellowship during the evening.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1926-27

The following are the nominations for the coming season:—Hon. President, W. B. H. Teakles; President, Prof. D. C. Harvey; Vice-Presidents, T. C. B. Boon, Miss H. E. Jackson, H. Campbell Grant; Hon. Secretary, Chas. W. Youell; Hon. Treasurer, S. McLauchlin; Musical Director, R. Topley Norman; Council—Prof. Aaron J. Perry (Chairman), Geo. H. Balls, H. Trueman, J. A. Cherniack, A. McLeod, A. B. Cail, G. H. Henderson, F. Anderson, Dr. F. W. Fell, R. A. Sargeant, Prof. W. Kirkconnell, Mrs. Youell, Mrs. Jos. Norris, Mrs. Knipe, Mrs. MacTaggart, Mrs. Woodside, Mrs. F. H. Alexander, Miss M. Hetherington, Miss F. L. Ormond, Miss F. Kelty, Miss E. J. Daggett. To be an Hon. Member, Dr. R. C. Johnstone. All of the above subject to alteration and election at the annual meeting on Thursday evening.

BRANCH BRIEFS

The North American Inter-Branch Conference is to be held in Boston on May 16th, 17th and 18th. Members of this Branch going that way about that time should endeavor to be present.

The April number of The Dickensian will give full particulars of the date and place of meeting of the Annual Conference of the Dickens Fellowship, usually held in June. Members going overseas please note.

Mr. A. E. Grassby, President, Winnipeg Piano Company, has very kindly presented this Branch with a copy of "Every Saturday"—a journal of Choice Reading selected from Foreign Current Literature (Ticknor & Fields, Boston, 1867). Contents: No Thoroughfare, by Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins.

Speaking of summer, the inevitable wet day at the lakes offers wonderful opportunities for introducing Dickens. We know of some members who take along handy volumes for distribution on such occasions. And what charming friendships they cultivate in performing this duty!

I sat down in another room, before a girl, blind, deaf, and dumb; before a fair young creature with every human faculty and hope, and power of goodness and affection, enclosed within her delicate frame, and but one outward sense—the sense of touch. There she was, before me; built up, as it were, in a marble cell, impervious to any ray of light, or particle of sound; with her poor white hand peeping through a chink in the wall, beckoning to some good man for help. What a situation was hers! The darkness and silence of the tomb were around her; no mother's smile called forth her answering smile, no father's voice taught her to imitate his sounds.

—American Notes.



DICKENS (FELLOWSHIP) PLAYERS

PRESENT

The Cricket on the Hearth

(In Three Acts)

By CHARLES DICKENS

TRINITY HALL, APRIL 14 and 15, at 8.15 1926



CAST:

CALEB PLUMMER (a toy maker)	Mr. Chas. W. Youell
BERTHA (his blind daughter)	Miss Violet M. Hodgson
EDWARD (his son)	Mr. Leslie Conder
TACKLETON (of Gruff & Tackleton—his employer)	Mr. Percy J. Nye
OLD GENTLEMAN (a disguise)	Mr. Leslie Conder
JOHN PEERYBINGLE (a Carrier)	Mr. J. G. Rutherford
MARY (the Carrier's wife, known as "Dot")	Miss D. V. Wainwright
MAY FIELDING (a friend of Dot)	Miss D. Hutchinson
MRS. FIELDING (May's mother)	Mrs. N. B. MacTaggart
TILLY SLOWBOY (Nurse-girl at the Peerybingle's)	Miss M. Hetherington
FAIRY VOICE	Peggy Lloyd

Staged and directed by Chas. W. Youell



Musical Programme

under the direction of Mr. R. Topley Norman

MARCH—"Jersey Carnival"	Lieberfeld
OVERTURE—"Rhinefels"	Gruenwald
a. CREOLE SERENADE—"Down the Bayou"	R. De Koven
b. ENTR'ACTE—"La Sauterelle"	Tracy
WALTZ (by request)—"Thespian Revels"	R. T. Norman
HORNPIPE—"The Soldier's Joy"	Old English

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ON THE
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**Trinity Hall, Corner Smith and Graham,
Wednesday and Thursday evenings,
April 14th and 15th, at 8.15.**

**Proceeds to be devoted to the little blind
girl whose picture appears on the op-
posite page.**

**Tickets on sale now at Russell Lang's,
Richardson & Bishop, Strains Limi-
ted, or from any member of the
Players or Service Members. 50c.**